Subject: counterfeit Jewish shekel

Surface, C.W.

(Beaumont, TX)

1935

March, IIth, 1935.

American Numismatic Society,
New York, N.Y.

Curator,
Dear sir,_

Through the advice of the dept, of Coins And Medals, at the British Museum, Iam sending enclosed a Jewish Shekel which I have in my possesion, which was found here in Amelia Texas.

I would like to have your opinion as to wheather or not it is genuine or a forgery, also what this coin be worth, and where I might find a market for it.

This Coin was dug out of the ground, and had aparently been there for years, but after much cleaning it was found to be in a remarkable state of preservation.

Thanking you for the advice before mentioned,

I am yours truly.

C.W. Surface.

P.S. I am enclosing stamps for return of Coin by Registered mail.

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for Boating

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March 15, 1935.

Mr. C. W. Surface
Route 1, Box 890
Beaumont, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Your Jewish shekel is nothing but a modern fake, that is within the past fifty years. These are very frequently seen and must have been made in large numbers, presumably to supply a demand for Jewish coins among Jews, as many of the Jewish people like to have, or think they have, a Jewish shekel.

You did not send any return postage and we do not care to send it back ourselves as the postage is far more than the coin is worth. If you care to send the postage we will return the piece to you.

Verytruly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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REGISTERED
MAR 12 1935

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MAR 15 1935
REGISTERED

NEW YORK, N.Y.
REGIV. DIV.
MAR 15 1935

BEAUMONT, TEX.
REGISTERED
MAR 12 1935

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO

C. W. Surface.

Route I box 890

BEAUMONT, TEXAS

REGISTERED

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Curator, The American Numismatic Society.

156th Street W. of Broadway,

New York,

N. Y.

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Thanking you for this kindness. I am yours Truly-

C. W. Surface
171 East Josephine
San Antonio,
Texas.

old address was
R. 1. Box 980, Beaumont,
Texas.

September 27, 1935.

Mr. C. W. Surface
121 East Josephine
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Sir:

As per your letter of September 20th we are herewith returning to you the counterfeit Jewish shekel.

Very truly yours,

HN:JG

Curator